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## Rain blamed for sewer collapses

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Recent rains have apparently caused a number of sewer breaks throughout the city.

While the cause of all of the breaks has not yet been determined, Public Works Director Brett Hanke said that the fact that the groundwater table is about five feet higher than normal — the result of heavy rains — has probably contributed to the problems.

The most serious of the breaks occurred in the 2800 block of Denver Street in West Granite, where the collapse of about 50 feet of a 36-inch combined sewer line earlier this month left a giant hole in the middle of the street.

Street Superintendent Clayton "Jug" Harrison said that when his workers initially noticed a small hole in the street May 5, they tried to fix the problem with point repairs to the sewer line. But on May 12, when the entire line collapsed and the street caved in with it, Harrison called the mayor to look at the emergency problem and then authorized Hank's Excavating of Belleville to replace the collapsed pipe.

"It was like a river," Harrison said.

Hanke said that Hank's completed the replacement of the 50-foot section Thursday afternoon. The hole was being filled Friday and the street should be repaved by the end of this week.

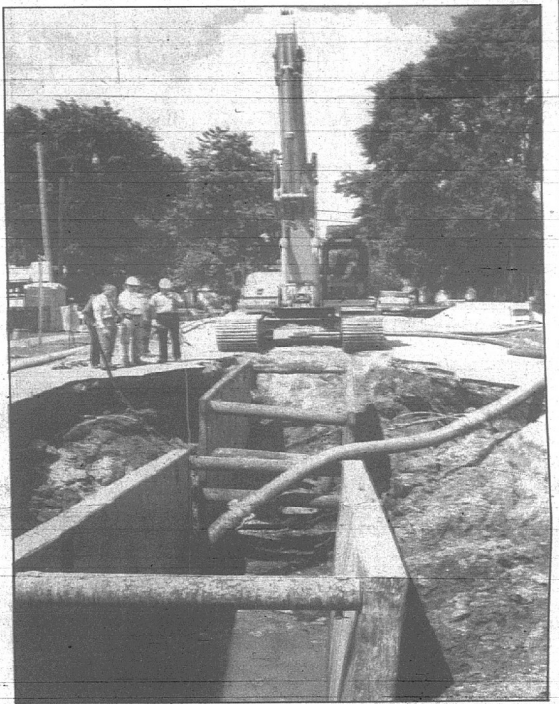
The project is expected to cost about \$32,000, Hanke said.

Other sewer problems have been reported in the 3200 block of Fehling Road, the 2500 block of Waterman Avenue, the 2500 block of Boyle Avenue, in the 2800 block of Woodlawn Avenue and in the 2100 block between Benton Avenue and Cleveland Boulevard, Harrison said.

The city is investigating to determine the nature of the problems, Hanke and Harrison said. They said some of the breaks may be in lateral lines from the residences to the sewer line, in which case repairs would be the responsibility of the homeowner rather than the city.

Alderman Freddie Frederick said that the investigations should be expedited.

"I'm not the street superintendent, and I'm not Mr. Hanke's job whatever that is, but by God we ought to do something so these people can live in their houses," Frederick said.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Workers from Hank's Excavating repair a break in a main sewer line in West Granite Thursday afternoon.

## Terrell alleges election fraud

### Suit seeks new mayoral election in Venice

By Shay Wessol  
and Mike Myers  
Staff writers

Alleging that some votes were bought with money and job promises and other votes were cast by ineligible voters, unsuccessful Venice mayoral candidate Michael Terrell is asking that the April city election be declared "null and void."

Terrell, a Venice alderman, filed suit Friday afternoon in Madison County Circuit Court asking that the April 20 mayoral election be declared invalid and a new election be scheduled. Terrell, who lost the mayoral race to Mayor Tyrone Echols by 12 votes, alleges in the suit that enough "fraudulent votes" were cast in the election to have reversed the election results.

The suit, filed through Terrell's attorney, Victoria Vasiloff, names Echols, City Clerk Wilbert Glasper, City Attorney Casper Nighohossian and County Clerk Evelyn Bowles as defendants. Echols, Glasper and



Echols

Terrell

Nighohossian make up the board that canvassed the election results.

Echols said the suit was not unexpected.

"That seems to be the fashion this year, for the losers to file suit," Echols said. "These wild allegations are a bunch of malarkey. I'm not worried about it. But Mr. Terrell should remember that every dog gets his day. And good dogs get two days."

The suit lists a number of instances in which Echols allegedly violated the Illinois Election Code, including:

(See ELECTION, Page 12A)

## Workers get raises

Madison County non-union employees and appointed officials received pay hikes Wednesday ranging from 1 percent to 11 percent under a surprise resolution one County Board member said was aimed at heading off bad publicity.

"We got hell the last time we (raised salaries). So this time we decided to do it right before the board meeting so board members wouldn't read about it in the newspaper first," said Michael Semanisin, D-Maryville, chairman of the County Board's

Personnel Committee.

The Personnel and Finance committees hammered out the raises in closed-door meetings held two weeks ago and immediately before Wednesday's meeting of the full County Board.

Most board members, however, were unaware of the size of the raises agreed to by the committees until the meeting got underway.

"Why couldn't we have had these a week before or a month before today's meeting? I don't

(See RAISES, Page 12A)

## Ex-teacher here gets union post

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

Teaching kindergarten in Madison prepared Margaret Blackshere for her role as the number two person in the Illinois AFL-CIO.

"Really, when you stop to think about it, the title call for a lot of the same traits. Both call for caring about people every day and every day reminding them of the importance of what they are doing," she said.

"I think the important goal is encouragement and reminding everyone what's good for people."

Blackshere, a longtime leader with the Illinois Federation of

Teachers, will take over as secretary-treasurer of the Illinois State Federation of Labor on June 1. She will be one of only four women serving in that position in state labor organizations. No state labor organizations have women serving as president.

"My goal (as a state leader) is to make sure people recognize the work of the worker is critically important," she said. "We need to make sure there are job opportunities for everyone. Not just union members, but everyone. If we as unions don't speak for the working man and woman, who will?"

(See UNION, Page 12A)

## Playing's the thing

### Maxvill's fondest memories are of days in uniform

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Not surprisingly, Dal Maxvill's fondest baseball memories are of playing the game.

Maxvill, a Granite City native, is vice president and general manager of the St. Louis Baseball Cardinals. He also played 14 major league seasons, including 11 in a Cardinal uniform. He was a member of four world championship teams — two with the Cardinals in the 1960s and two with the Oakland Athletics.

"Whether it was little leagues in Granite City, high school ball, (American) Legion, intercity or professional, playing is the most fun," Maxvill said.

"To be fortunate enough to play 13 or 14 years, and then do this, I've been very lucky. It's almost like taking money."

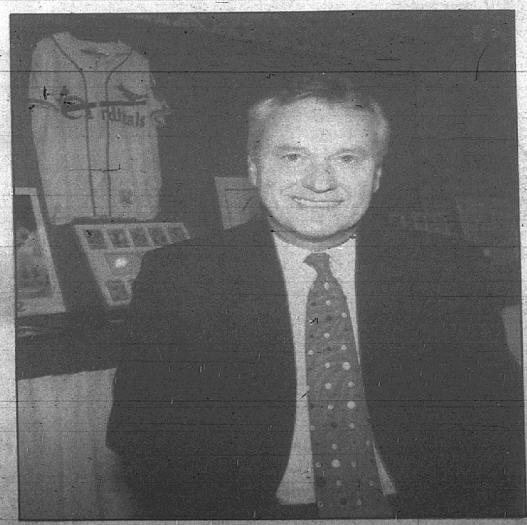
Maxvill, 54, credits his high school coach, Al Lewis Sr., for his success.

After his playing days ended in the mid 1970s, Maxvill joined the coaching staff of the New York Mets, then the Redbirds and then joined his old pals Joe Torre and Bob Gibson in Atlanta.

But in February of 1985, Maxvill was tapped to take over the GM duties from Whitey Herzog, who had been doing double duty as GM as well as field manager.

The Cardinal team that first season proved to be

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Cardinals General Manager Dal Maxvill at the YMCA in Granite City. A Granite City native, Maxvill returns to the area regularly, often donating his time to be a guest speaker at Granite City Park District and YMCA events.

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### Deaths

William Gram  
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### 25 years ago

May 21, 1968  
Contract negotiations between the Madison Federation of Teachers and the board of education broke down when the union committee claimed the board was not bargaining in good faith and walked out. The superintendent said it was impossible for the district to meet the \$1 million in increased costs sought by the teachers' union.

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## THE VOICE BOX:

What do you think is the number one environmental problem in the Granite City area?

By T.W. MILLER



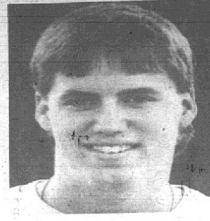
Mary Joe Votaw Granite City  
"Air pollution from the mill."



Neva Lucas Porton Beach  
"Lead contamination sites because they may affect property values in that area."



Heather Votougal Porton Beach  
"The air pollution from the steel plants; it's probably caused asthma and health problems for a lot of people who have moved here from other areas."



Tim Henson Granite City  
"Air pollution from Granite City Steel."



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"Air pollution from the steel mill."

## 'Undetermined' ruling in officer's death

By Shay Wessol  
Staff writer

A Madison County coroner's jury has ruled, undetermined the death of Sheriff's Department Sgt. Kim Musso, a Collinsville resident and a correctional officer at the Madison County Jail.

The ruling means that the jury could not decide whether the death was suicide or accidental. Musso, 39, of the 600 block of Ostle Drive, was shot in the right temple the morning of April 28.

According to testimony from his wife, Anna, Musso returned home from the late shift at the jail and began his regular routine of unloading his .357-caliber Magnum revolver in the dining room.

As she walked away from the room, she heard the gun discharge.

"I know that what happened in our home — I know it in the bottom of my heart — was an accident," she testified.

Musso was not depressed or suffering from marital problems or health problems and had "too many plans for the future," she said.

Musso was pronounced dead at Anderson Hospital from a single, close-contact gunshot wound to the head.

Collinsville Det. Robert Vecchetti testified that he could see the impression of the gun's muzzle and sight around the wound.

Forensic scientist James Hall of the Illinois State Police Crime Lab in Fairview Heights testified that a close-contact gunshot wound could

only result from the gun being held tightly against the skin.

In testimony during another inquest, police said they have located the car that struck and killed William F. Pranaits in Collinsville and have a suspect in last month's hit-and-run fatality.

Collinsville Detective Mike Ries said an anonymous phone call lead police to the suspect, who lives on Lebanon Road.

The coroner's jury ruled the death an accident. Ries declined to name the suspect, saying the case is still under investigation.

The suspect did admit that he struck something on Lebanon Road the morning of April 11, but thought it was a deer or that someone had thrown something at him, Ries testified.

Police found the suspect's car, parked away from his Lebanon Road apartment, and took parts, including a section of the windshield, for investigation, Ries said.

The suspect could face homicide charges but, at the least, felony charges of leaving the scene of an accident, Ries said.

Pranaits, 72, of the 600 block of East Main Street, was struck on Easter morning during his morning walk.

Police found his body, face down, at the corner of Lebanon Road and Blackjack Lane at 6:36 a.m.

He was pronounced dead at the scene by Madison County Coroner's Investigator Ed Morlon.

## SIUE exterior lighting contract awarded

A contract for exterior lighting improvements at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has been awarded to J.F. Electric Inc., of Edwardsville, by the SIUE Board of Trustees.

The contract was awarded in April by the Executive Committee of the board and was reported to the full board meeting May 13 at SIUE's East St. Louis Center.

The amount of the contract was \$270,200, including \$17,700 for lighting improvements to Parking Lot C in addition to the base bid of \$252,500 for a general upgrade of the campus lighting system.

The project will install more efficient, lower wattage lighting fixtures along campus walkways

and install new lighting in Parking Lot P15, as well as Lot C. Funding for the project will be from revenue from parking and traffic at the university.

J.F. Electric was the lowest bid of 11 bidders on the project, which is expected to be completed in four months. The improvements will be the first general upgrade of the system since the campus was opened nearly 30 years ago.

The project received initial approval from the Board of Trustees and the Illinois Board of Higher Education in 1991. The firm of Crawford, Murphy and Tilley, Inc. of Springfield, was approved by the SIUE Board in February 1991.



**Spill control** — Cliff Lane, left, an employee at the Madison Service Co., pours a substance on a simulated chemical spill as Kenneth Ray of the Madison County Farm Bureau demonstrates how the "spill" can be

stopped from spreading. The demonstration took place at the Environmental Resource Training Center at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

## Pit bull attack prompts suit

An Alton couple has filed suit in Madison County Circuit Court in response to the attack on their son by a pit bull in Granite City.

Three-year-old Brandon Pratt was seriously injured in the attack May 13 in the alley between Madison Avenue and Iowa Street in the 2600 block.

His parents, Kenneth and Carol Pratt, are asking the courts to find the dog a "vicious animal" and have it put to sleep.

The hearing is scheduled to begin Monday morning.

According to the suit, Brandon Pratt, was walking home from Wilson Park on May 13 when the pit bull attacked him without provocation. Bite wounds to his arm and shoulder required 200

stitches, the suit says.

Attorney Steven Katzman said other suits to cover personal injury will be filed later.

"Obviously, my client's first concern is that the dog is not released to the general public," he said. "The dog, without justification, attacked this child."

As of Friday afternoon, the pit bull was still in the custody of the Madison County Animal Control department.

"We've got no orders to hold the dog," said animal control supervisor Terry Brookman. Without a court order to keep the dog confined to the shelter, the animal must be sent back to the owner, he said.

Brandon, whose left shoulder

and arm were chewed severely, was rushed to St. Elizabeth Medical Center and then flown by helicopter to Cardinal Glennon Hospital, according to a police report on the incident.

The owner of the animal is James N. Pourdas, 25, of the 2600 block of Madison Avenue. He was charged with allowing his dog to run at large, a city ordinance violation.

Pourdas told police that the dog escaped from the home after Pourdas opened the front door. City officials said Pourdas had been issued a warning in February for allowing the dog to run at large.

## 2 grand jury plan probably won't be used in county

By Shay Wessol  
Staff writer

New legislation that would allow two grand juries to be in use simultaneously probably won't be used in Madison County, officials say.

The bill now awaiting Gov. Jim Edgar's signature, would give counties with a population of more than 200,000 the option of employing two grand juries at a time.

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said the legislation will have little if no effect in the county.

"We might use it, but I doubt it," he said. "We find one grand jury at a time to be absolutely adequate."

A second grand jury would be needed only if the first was involved in a lengthy case, Haine said.

Employing a second grand jury would be a waste of taxpayer dollars, said Granite City attorney Thomas Hildebrand, a former judge in the Third Circuit Court. "It seems like it would be a big waste of time and money for us and a lot more bureaucratic paperwork," he said.

Madison County's 16-member grand jury now meets once a week, said Jerry Lipchik, the county's head bailiff. "Sometimes it's half a day, and sometimes it's a whole day," he said. "But I don't see the workload to be too heavy."

Typically, the grand jury members are retained for up to half a year before members for a new panel are selected. Grand jury members are charged with issuing inquiries and indictments in felony charges by determining whether or not there is probable cause to prosecute a case.

Associate Judge J. Lawrence Keshner said a second grand jury would duplicate the work of the first panel. "It would be like two judges sitting in on the same trial," he said.

## Edgar gets car theft curfew bill

SPRINGFIELD — A bill letting motorists put a curfew on their cars has been sent to Gov. Jim Edgar.

The Senate has followed the House in approving a measure setting up a program in which vehicle owners could request special decals from the Secretary of State's Office as a way to fight car thefts.

Patterned after a New York law, the bill would authorize police to stop any vehicle with the decal between 1 and 5 a.m. to determine if the driver is the owner.

Senate sponsor Robert Madigan, R-Lincoln, argued it would help elderly people. "There are a lot of senior citizens who are asleep between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. and they're getting their vehicles stolen."

The bill, which passed on a 32-23 vote, was rapped by some senators for potentially leading to abuses of constitutional rights.

Sen. Carl Hawkinson, R-Salesburg, said some applying for the decals might not realize they would be giving up their constitutional protection against search and seizure. "If someone's a little late from a party they may not realize they can be stopped without any probable cause and can be searched."

Other senators also argued the bill could cause problems when a car was given to a relative to drive without knowing about the decal, or when a car was sold and also noted a thief could simply remove the decal.

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# 'Buckling up' has special meaning for local man

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

John Hill is 70 years old. He almost didn't see his 61st birthday — twenty years ago last week a narrow nylon strap around his waist kept him off the obituary page and landed him on the front page of the *Granite City Press-Record*.

Hill, who lives in the 2800 block of Birch Avenue, worked for many years as an engineer for Norfolk and Western Railroad. "Buckle Up America Week," which starts today, stirred Hill's memory of that long ago Saturday night.

Hill said he has always been a cautious person and that his job increased his awareness of safety. In 1964 he bought a Ford Falcon and had seat belts installed.

"Seat belts weren't something that came with cars then," he said. "In fact, not many people had even heard of them. But I thought they were a good idea and I never had another car without them."

Then, at 9:15 p.m. on May 19, 1973, Hill was driving his 1960 Dodge Dart on the Chain of Rocks Canal Bridge on Interstate 270 north of Granite City when a car going more than 90 clipped the left rear of his car.

Hill's car flew over the 34-inch high guard rail, plummeted about 20 feet, flipped end over end several times and then rolled over and over about 500 more feet before coming to a rest upside down against a fence.

"I walked away from it," Hill said. "A guy standing on top of the embankment figured I was dead. When I crawled out the back window and started climbing up the bank toward him, the shock almost killed him."

Not that Hill wasn't hurt. He had a cut on his wrist, a number of cuts and bruises and serious injuries to his neck and knee. He spent six days in St. Elizabeth Medical Center and months in physical therapy.

For more than two weeks after the accident, Hill, who then and now has a flat-top haircut, combed glass out of his scalp. He said he was sore

for almost two years.

"Ultimately, I lost about a half-inch of height," Hill said. "My neck has a permanent hump and my knee still gives me problems. But on the other hand, I'm here talking about it 20 years later."

Although a self-described "seat belt fanatic," Hill said he is against imposing his will on other people.

"I'm not going to tell anyone they have to wear a seat belt," Hill said. "What I am saying is that if you wear a seat belt, it will work."

Wearing a seat belt is the law, however, in Illinois and 42 other states, said Granite City Police Chief Jim Lengyel. He said "Buckle Up America Week" is a good time to remind motorists to use both seat belts and child safety seats.

"We have come a long way in the past few years to increase safety belt use," Lengyel said. "We do periodic safety checks and have noticed a dramatic increase in safety belt use."

Lengyel said that seat belt usage in Illinois, which was only 16 percent when the seat belt law

was passed in 1965, has grown to an estimated 66 percent. But Lengyel said the number of people using seat belts is still far below what it should be.

"There are many people who still don't realize how their chances of serious injury or death (in an accident) would be reduced significantly if they would just wear their safety belts."

Using child safety seats is also the law in Illinois. Lengyel said it is estimated that more than 70 percent of the children killed in automobile accidents would have lived if they had been properly secured in a safety seat.

"Our children are our future, but if we don't protect them in child safety seats, we may be taking away their chance to grow up," Lengyel said.

Through combined efforts of law enforcement officials at the national, state and local levels, Lengyel said, the country is slowly moving toward awareness of the importance of seat belts and child safety seats.

"We hope this trend continues as we remind everyone to 'buckle up!'" he said.

## Architect to explore adding juvenile wing to county jail

An architect is drawing up plans for expanding the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville and possibly adding a wing to house juvenile offenders.

County officials maintain no formal decision has been made to enlarge the frequently overcrowded jail or add a juvenile wing.

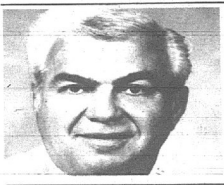
On Wednesday, however, the County Board approved a plan by Henry R. Gabriel and Associates, a Granite City architectural firm, to draw up blueprints for a new roof for the building that houses the county jail and Sheriff's Department.

In addition, the architects have been directed to come up with plans and cost estimates for expanding the jail, including adding a juvenile wing, officials said.

The direction of any expansion will be decided by a task force made up of three County Board members, county Administrator Jim Monday said.

Henry Gabriel was the architect who designed the jail in the late 1970s and warned board members that its flat roof would eventually leak. Officials chose a flat roof over a truss roof to save money.

Now Gabriel is being brought back to install a truss roof. Heavy rains this spring contributed to severe leaking in both the jail and sheriff's offices,



'Basically what he's going to be doing is drawing up a design for a new roof and also looking into how this place could be expanded.'

— Bob Churchich  
Sheriff

where waterlogged ceiling tiles crashed onto the desks of some detectives.

"Basically what he's going to be doing is drawing up a design for a new roof and also looking into how this place could be expanded," Sheriff Bob Churchich said after Wednesday's vote.

County Board member Harold Byers of Highland cast the lone dissenting vote on the resolution to hire Gabriel.

County officials said they will not know the cost of rebuilding the roof or expanding the jail until after Gabriel finishes.

Wednesday's vote, however, was the County Board's first formal move toward expanding the jail.

No timetable has been set for completing the expansion and no

decision has been made on how to pay for any new construction. A special tax imposed in 1979 to fund construction of the jail expires next year and cannot be extended without voter approval.

Churchich has suggested combining the jail and juvenile home to cut costs but County Board members have thus far been unwilling to commit to the proposal.

A plan to impose a temporary property tax increase to build a \$4 million juvenile facility was rejected by voters last month.

The county is under pressure from the Illinois Attorney General's Office to upgrade the juvenile home or face a lawsuit.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## Venice appointments approved

The first round of appointments by Venice Mayor Tyrone Echols met some aldermanic opposition Tuesday, but only Humane Officer Grady Reynolds had a close call.

"I like Grady, but we need a dog catcher," Alderman Michael Terrell told Echols. "We need someone catching dogs."

Alderman John Henry Williams said, "He's caught my dogs so I can't very well object to him."

A voice vote whether to concur with Reynolds' appointment was inconclusive as a number of aldermen, in the midst of voting, expressed either very good or very bad experiences with Reynolds' performance.

Echols called for a role call. Williams, Aldermen John Ervin and Alderman George Lewis voted to concur. Terrell and Alderman Lena Bell, Alderman Silver Franklin and Alderman Victor Valentine voted no.

All eyes turned to Alderman Henry Fletcher. "I don't know," Fletcher said. "I guess I've got no reason to vote against him."

"That being a yes vote, it's a tie," Echols said. "That leaves it to me (to break the tie) so Grady Reynolds is the dog catcher."

The only other appointments to meet aldermanic opposition were City Attorney Casper Nighoshian and Acting Bridge Manager Tyrone Q. Echols, the mayor's son. Terrell voted against the younger Echols and Terrell and Franklin voted against Nighoshian.

Other appointments made by Echols included: James Bennett as police chief, Green Jack as street superintendent, Roseann Koelker as comptroller, Clarence Silas as health inspector, Joe Brooks as building inspector, Thomas Brant as fire chief and Ben Honorable as emergency services and disaster director.

Echols also appointed Harold Wilson, Ruby Johnson, Earnest Davenport and Tyrone Q. Echols as police commissioners.

In other business, the council voted unanimously to hire the accounting firm of Allison, Knapp and Siekmann to perform the annual audit of the city's financial records. That firm has

been auditing the city's record for the past five years.

"Contrary to what everyone heard during the election, our books are audited, and audited very well, every year," Echols said.

The council also authorized the city to seek bids from prospective buyers for a 1962 fire truck no longer needed by the Fire Department and a 1989 Lincoln Town Car obtained by the police department under the drug confiscation laws. The resolutions set a minimum bid of \$6,800 for the truck and \$3,500 for the car.

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**Mayor buys first tickets** — Granite City Mayor Ron Selph bought the first tickets for the Ainsd Shrine Circus when they went on sale at Schnucks in Granite City. From left are Tracy Lakin, Ainsd Shrine; Bill Chisno, Schnucks co-manager; David McCann, Ainsd Temple tentative; Mayor Selph; and Everett McGinnis, Ainsd Temple Circus ticket chairman. Tickets are \$5 each for the circus, to be held at 7:30 p.m. May 28 and 29 at the Tri-City Speedway.

## Bill aims at number of race days

**SPRINGFIELD** — Horses would be kept galloping at Fairmount Park Racetrack for a minimum number of race days under a bill headed down the backstretch to Gov. Jim Edgar.

The measure, sought by the horse breeders and owners, was prompted by the track's plan to cut back live racing dates to save operating expenses. Track owners say they are losing money because of increased competition from riverboat gambling.

The bill passed the Senate 33-16 after earlier passing the House.

If signed by Edgar, the bill would require the track to offer 125 days of thoroughbred racing each year and 105 days of Standardbred racing.

**Correction**  
A picture of Bob Astor was incorrectly identified on page 1A of the May 19 *Press-Record* Journal.

dardbred racing, popularly known as harness racing.

The bill was opposed by Fairmount, other track owners and the Illinois Racing Board, which currently has the power to determine the number of racing dates for all tracks.

Opponents argued the Legislature would set a bad precedent interfering with the authority of the Racing Board on behalf of horse-racing industry interests at

a specific track.

The bulk of Fairmount's betting revenues come from its five off-track betting parlors. Attendance at the track itself has tumbled since the start of riverboat gambling in Alton.

Sen. Frank Watson, R-Greenview, Senate sponsor of the measure, contended the bill was needed to save jobs.

— From the Alton Telegraph

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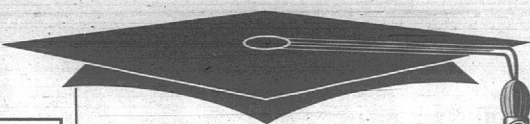
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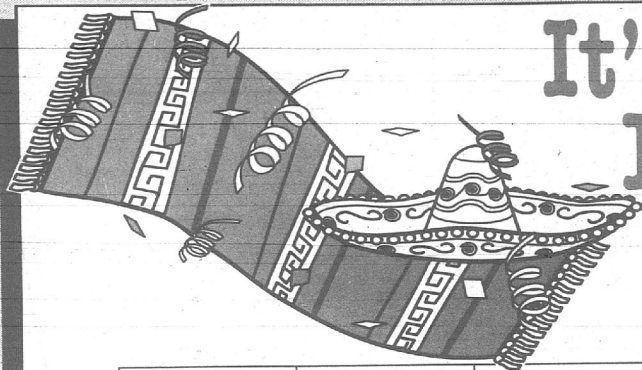
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"Mature travelers are good candidates for RV travel because many have the time, discretionary funds and desire to see and experience the small towns, big cities, popular attractions and natural beauty of the United States," said Ron Noe, member services specialist for the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

A survey conducted during the 1992 AARP Biennial Convention in San Antonio, Texas, found nearly 40 percent of respondents owned an RV. Freedom and flexibility were cited as the main reasons for choosing this way of travel.

The RV lifestyle also fosters a

sense of community, offering mature travelers a valuable network of friends who share a common interest. Camping clubs, which hold annual conventions, regional rallies, camp-outs and other events to bring RVers together, provide an active social network on the road. The Good Sam Club, National Campers and Hikers Association, Family Motor Coach Association, Luners on Wheels and Lovers of America are among the national camping clubs that are popular with middle and older Americans.

The flexibility and economies associated with RV travel encourage greater RV use by seniors. A vacation cost comparison study conducted by the international accounting firm Pannell Kerr Forster found RV vacations are overwhelmingly more economical than traditional trips by car, bus, train or airplane, regardless of trip destination or duration. RV vacations cost anywhere from half to three-quarters less than comparable vacations.

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Conducted by Pannell Kerr Forster, the study demonstrated that traveling by RV and staying in a campground cost a family of four 52 percent less than a comparable car/hotel vacation, 68 percent less than a bus or train/hotel trip, and 78 percent less than an air/hotel excursion.

substantial savings. Hotel/motel room rates averaged \$3.74 per night in the same location.

Cost savings were equally significant for weekend, extended weekend and two and three-week RV vacations.

"The vacation comparison study shows that RV vacations are so economical that it doesn't take many trips to justify an RV purchase," said Gary LaBella of the Go Camping America Committee, which sponsored the study.

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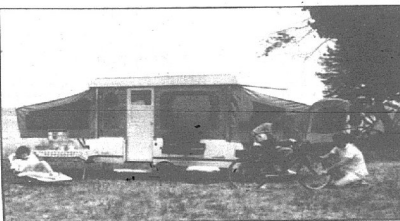
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## Stadium road improvements sought

While Edwardsville Mayor Gary Niebur works to unclog a stalemate blocking sewer lines for the Olympic Festival Stadium at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, stadium backers are looking for an improved road to the site.

Ralph Korte, who spearheaded the fund-raising campaign for the stadium, is trying to interest Madison County and Edwardsville Township in widening and improving Bluff Road, which runs past the site.

Korte, chairman of the Citizens for Track and Field and Soccer Stadium, which raised \$1.4 million in promised donations for the project, has written to county officials requesting that money be allocated for fixing up the road.

He recently met with County Board Chairman Nelson Hagauer and Jeff Hessel township highway commissioner, to discuss improvements. Edwardsville Township owns the road, but county money is often used for township road construction.

Korte said he is looking past the U.S. Olympic Festival in his quest to widen and improve the road. He said Bluff Road is sufficient to handle the thousands of spectators expected to attend events during the July 1994 festival, but there will be other uses for the stadium and the road.

"It is not the quality of a (Highway) 157," Korte said of Bluff Road. "In the long run, it would be good planning to

improve it and widen it a little bit."

Korte said he had not asked for a specified amount and had not requested help from other sources. He said he had not discussed the road with SUE President Earl Lazerson or Illinois Sen. Sam Vadalabene, who helped secure money for Center Grove Road improvements.

Bluff Road is an area expected to grow in coming years. It runs between New Poag Road on the north and South University Drive on the south.

New Poag Road will be the first exit of the extension of the Alton Bypass from Interstate Route 255. Construction on the first leg of that \$30.3 million project will begin sometime after July 1.

Concerning the sewer question, Niebur said he had met with university officials.

As a condition of the city's providing sewer service to the stadium, Edwardsville officials will require that not only the stadium be annexed, but also a 300-foot-wide strip running along the western edge of the campus, which would allow the city to annex land westward.

The annexation agreement has not been approved by the university's Board of Trustees, so progress on the four-mile sewer line from the stadium up to the water treatment plant has been in limbo. Lazerson has said he has not received a formal request from the city for the

annexation plan, but former Mayor Dennis DelToye maintained he sent a half dozen letters on the subject.

One of Niebur's first priorities as mayor, he said, was getting the sewer line impasse unclogged so work can begin.

He said he provided Lazerson with more information and detailed maps of the area under

discussion.

"I'm very optimistic about the request on the table," he said. "I have a great deal of confidence that the president will pursue the matter. In my view, the project is not in jeopardy. I'm very optimistic. I am confident it will be resolved if there was anything that had to be resolved."

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**Club donates tree** — First graders of Lake School help to plant a red dogwood tree donated by the Cloverview Garden Club at the Outdoor Classroom near Lake School.

### Effective prayer topic of program

Synthia Alyce Neely of Chicago will be speaking at 3 p.m. Sunday at the First Church of Christ, Science, and Health. Her topic will be "How we can pray effectively."

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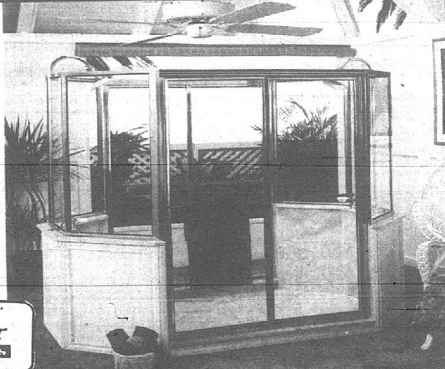
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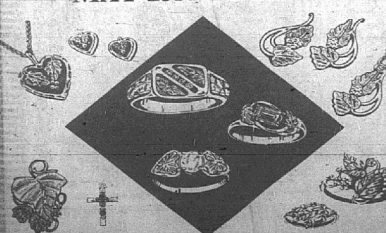


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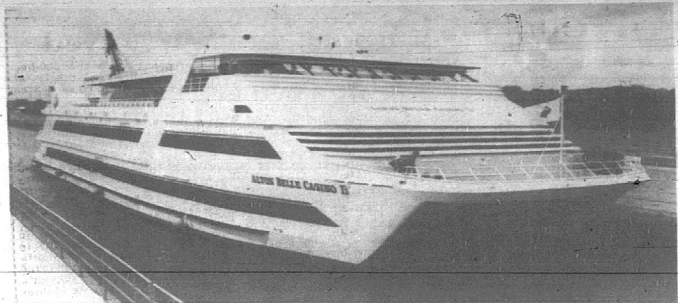
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The Alton Belle II going through Lock and Dam 27 in Granite City Thursday morning.

## 2nd Belle arrives at riverfront

ALTON — Taking in the majesty of the Alton Belle Casino II from the outside was a thrill for casino employees. However, their eagerness to board the vessel has to wait.

"It's gorgeous and I'm excited, but I can't wait to get inside. This is just a tease," casino hostess Nancy Smith said Thursday as she viewed the new riverboat.

The 1,200-passenger, tri-level ship dwarfed the original Belle as Port Capt. Joe Hollinger pulled the new riverboat alongside the Alton Landing at 2:05 p.m. to give employees and gamblers their first close look at the vessel.

A crowd of about 150 applauded as the boat's crew waved toward the shore and Hollinger sounded the Belle II's horn. After about 30 minutes, the boat turned around and headed south to Mike's Marine in Hartford to receive final outfitting, completing its two-week voyage from Jacksonville, Fla.

"I've seen a lot of pictures of it, but it sure is a lot bigger than I thought," said Food and Beverage Manager Kevin Hilligoss, who has worked for the casino for four weeks. "All of the stuff I've been doing has to do with that boat."

Everything's been on paper. Now I can get on and make it happen.

"What I really want to see is the inside," he added.

Employees caught glimpses of the inside when deckhands opened a few of the new boat's doors.

"I thought I saw a statue and the floors looked like they were marble," said Rick Larch, disc jockey for the entertainment club on the new Alton Landing, which is scheduled to arrive next week from St. Louis, depending on the level of the Mississippi River. "It looks like something you see on 'Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous'."

The new Belle has the feel of a Las Vegas casino, officials said. It resembles Caesars Palace, the design being a combination of 180,000 lights, Roman antique motifs, granite and marble flooring and several carpet patterns in purple, red, gold and black. There also are mirrored surfaces.

"I can't wait to see it from the inside," receptionist Sandy Yates said. "The outside is OK, but the inside is supposed to be something special."

The arrival of the boat was special in itself, she added. "I worked here when the first one came in and that was exciting. I'm just as excited now. It's been an exciting two years and it's only going to get better for everyone."

The Belle II, 220 feet long and 66 feet wide, has three times the casino space of its older sister. The new boat has more than 650 slot, poker and hot machines, 28 blackjack tables, three craps tables, two roulette wheels and a big six wheel.

After receiving equipment approval by the Illinois Gaming Commission and the Coast Guard, we are eagerly anticipating the opening of the new Alton Belle Casino on Memorial Day weekend," said J. Thomas Long, chief executive officer of Argosy Co., which owns the casino.

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Admission will be any donation to the Madison County Humane Society Building Fund. There will be a raffle, prizes and prize for the best dressed lady. Clarence Bohm of Bohm Dance Studio is sponsoring the event instead of having an 81st birthday party for himself. Bohm is a dog owner and MCHS member.

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Since his pension plan operates as most do, he can choose a life-income option, which pays him a full benefit of \$3,125 per month for his life, but nothing to Mrs. Moore after he dies. The second option is a joint and 50 percent survivor option which pays him a substantially reduced benefit of \$2,400 per month until he dies, and then provides \$1,250 per month to Mrs. Moore until her death.

Mr. Moore, seeing no other choice, selects the second option to ensure an income for his spouse after his death, even though he gives up \$625 per month to do so.

Many pensioners are forced



**Brian Mulhall**

into the joint and 50 percent option due to a lack of pre-retirement planning. The irony here is that many pensioners complained about buying permanent life insurance during their careers. Instead they relied on their company's term insurance provided to them at a very attractive value. Now, at retirement, as their company term decreases or dissolves, unknowingly, they are actually purchasing the most expensive life insurance by taking a greatly reduced pension amount.

In Mr. Moore's case, for example, he pays a \$625 per month premium to provide his wife with \$1,250 per month at his death. If she dies first, he may not name a new beneficiary nor may he reselect the single life

option, which would have paid him \$3,125. He is stuck at \$2,400.

Had Mr. Moore planned earlier in his career, he would have been able to take advantage of a third option that can maximize his pension benefit at retirement, and still provide his spouse with desired income after his death.

Often called pension maximization, this option is a financial planning concept that involves the purchase of life insurance prior to retirement to fund the survivor benefits. Here is how it works: Before retirement, Mr. Moore purchases life insurance and designates his spouse as beneficiary. The amount of life insurance equals the future stream of money, over a specified number of years, that is necessary to sustain Mrs. Moore's standard of living.

Then, at retirement, he selects the single life income option. They receive the highest possible monthly benefit when they can be enjoying life to the fullest. Insurance proceeds will provide Mrs. Moore with survivor

benefits in the event of her husband's death.

If Mrs. Moore dies first, he may then name a new life insurance beneficiary or cancel the policy and receive the cash value of the policy. In addition, he still collects the single life income (pension proceeds of \$3,125 per month in this example).

With advance planning, the policy could be paid up prior to retirement. However, even if the employee is just about to retire, this can still work. In this example, if a life insurance policy on Mr. Moore requires less than \$625 per month to sustain the policy, they are money ahead.

The pension maximization option offers the best of both retirement worlds. It ensures retirement the level of income that they have earned and deserve by their employers. At the same time, it ensures that the spouse has enough income in the event of the pensioner's death.

Brian A. Mulhall of Granite City is associated with a St. Louis area financial services company.

## Magazine cites UM Bancshares

Business Week magazine has named United Missouri Bancshares Inc. the safest lender among the country's 100 largest banks for the second consecutive year.

The Kansas City-based holding company received this distinguished ranking in the national business magazine's May 3, 1993, "Bank Scoreboard" issue.

"We are extremely proud and pleased to once again be recognized for the consistency and soundness of our performance," R. Crosby Kemper, chairman and chief executive officer of United Missouri Bancshares Inc. said.

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Business Week declared United Missouri as the nation's safest bank based on its 1992 nonperforming assets as a percent of total assets. This translates into United Missouri having fewer problem loans and other problem assets than any of its competitors.

The Business Week ranking is the most recent acknowledgment United Missouri has received for its outstanding performance as a strong and stable financial institution. In April, American Banker, a well-respected industry publication, ranked United Missouri Bancshares Inc. No. 1 for its Tier 1 risk-adjusted capital ratio among the top 100 bank holding companies. The company also occupied the No. 1 position in 1992.

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## SIUE bond sale is approved

The sale of bonds for constructing and equipping a new 500-bed student residence facility at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and for auxiliary facilities at SIUE at Carbondale was authorized May 13 by the SIUE Board of Trustees.

The housing project at SIUE will include renovation of Tower Lake Apartments and the food service facilities in the University Center. The bond issue for the residence and related facilities is anticipated to be \$18.8 million to finance all costs involved and to fully fund the debt service reserve.

The SIUE projects include acquisition of the Baptist Student Center, estimated at \$1.25 million, and the Glendale Elementary School, estimated at \$250,000, as well as constructing and equipping a child care facility, estimated to cost \$890,000.

The site chosen for the new residence facility at SIUE is the former location of the University Police offices.

The board authorized the issuance of bonds for the project in action approved in February. The project had been initiated in November, and in December, the board authorized university officers to conduct negotiations with architectural and engineering firms leading to contracts for design and engineering services. Selected was the firm of Solomon Cordwell Buenz & Associates Inc., Chicago.

## Tips From Frank's Experts on Weed & Feed

### For a Lush, Weed-Free Lawn

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Make arrived! Doesn't make sense? Well, you may remember E.M.I.L., the 4-step lawn program we talked about a few weeks back. The "M" meant Memorial Day, or the second feeding of your lawn. The time has come!

Memorial Day is still a week away, but you don't have to be quite that precise. Your lawn's hungry and really doesn't need to wait. Besides, if you take care of it ahead of time, you can enjoy the three-day weekend without worrying about it.



Now is also a good time to treat dandelions. Although their bright yellow may have come and gone, they're still alive and well. Dandelions are exceptionally well adapted to lawn conditions. And these weeds are clever rascals, too. Their short stems keep the plants just below the blade of your lawn mower, allowing them to cheat death every time. What's more, their long tap roots readily regenerate new plants if left in the ground. Dandelions fall into the category of broadleaf perennial, which means they are not a grass and, almost like clockwork, will return to bother you every year.

One of the best ingredients to kill dandelions is 2,4-D. That's an artificial form of a natural plant hormone. What 2,4-D really does is stimulate growth of the dandelion so that it grows itself to death! So if you see the dandelions burst into bloom after you apply it, don't despair! You've applied the right product. They're enjoying their last hurrah. Their growth has temporarily accelerated, but they'll soon be history.

Frank's Weed & Feed contains Trimec, which is a combination of three weed killers, of which 2,4-D is one. The

other two active ingredients will take care of any other pesky weeds you may have.

If you're like many homeowners, you may ask, "Why wait? Wouldn't it be better to put the weed killer down earlier and eliminate dandelions before they sprout?"

That's a good question, and the experts at Frank's have a good answer. You can't prevent dandelions in the spring. With proper treatment, you can prevent next year's crop, but applying weed killer in spring before the weeds appear won't do any good. In order for 2,4-D to kill dandelions, it has to contact them. Spreading weed killer with no weeds present is like swatting a fly before it's there.

Ideally, the grass should be wet when you apply Frank's Weed & Feed. If Mother Nature doesn't help, you'll have to get out the sprinkler. When the dandelions are wet, the Weed & Feed granules will stick to them long enough for the herbicide to be absorbed. 2,4-D is systemic, so it is circulated throughout the weed plant. Wait a few days, then you can water it in well. Since a long weekend is coming up, Mother Nature just might cooperate and take care of the watering for you!

2,4-D is the "Weed" in "Weed & Feed." The "Feed" part of the product contains vital nutrients to help your lawn maintain its vigor and survive the hot weather. It supplies the lawn with everything it needs until early July, when "F" or step 3 rolls around.

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Watch for more great tips on gardening and crafts from the experts at Frank's!



## Obituaries

### Odiss Mitchell

Odiss L. Mitchell Sr., 92, of Granite City died at 6 p.m. Friday, May 21, 1993, at Elmwood Nursing Home.

He was born March 21, 1901, in Allegre, Kentucky, where he was employed at Union Carbide. He was a member of Second Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Odiss "Mike" Mitchell Jr., of Granite City; three sisters, Gillie Hightower, Ola Kirkman, and Gullie Powell; all of Allegra, Ky.; three brothers, George Mitchell of Troy, Jim Mitchell of Kirkmansville, Ky., and Gilbert Mitchell of Hopkinsville, Ky.; and Michael D. Mitchell of Granite City; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Georgia, and parents, Samuel Mitchell and Mide Deason.

Visitation is from 8 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Irwin Chapel, 3660 Maryville Road in Granite City. Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, with the Rev. David Tyler officiating.

### Goldie Coleman

Goldie (Pashia) Coleman, 84, of Granite City died at 5:32 p.m. Friday, May 21, 1993, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in St. Louis. She was born Oct. 17, 1908, in Herculaneum, Mo. She was a member of Holy Family Church, two sisters, Helen Isabella, Young at Heart, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary, Moore's Ladies Auxiliary and E.M.C. members.

Survivors include four daughters, Rose Mary Calzavara and Sandra Schuchman in Granite City; Ruth Smith of Valley Center, Kan.; and Carol Hendricks of O'Fallon; two sisters, Helen DeClue of Everton, Mo., and Ruth Pusteri of Crystal City, Mo.; 17 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Coleman; her parents, William A. and Stella (Horn) Pashia; one sister, Dorothy DeClue; one grandson and a son-in-law.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at Irwin Chapel, 3660 Maryville Road in Granite City. Services will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 24, Holy Family Catholic Church, with Fr. Bill Fisherkeller officiating.

### Thomas McGeehan

Thomas F. McGeehan III, 60, of Cahokia, died at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, 1993, at his residence. He was born Sept. 11, 1932, in East St. Louis.

He was a former truck driver for Morgan Linen Company in St. Louis for 15 years, and he was a Korean War Navy veteran.

Survivors include one son, Thomas McGeehan IV, of Dupre; three daughters, Sharon Weber of Mascoutah, Mary Pinkerton of Swansea, and Theresa Murdock of Belleville; six brothers, Bill McGeehan of Belleville, Ray McGeehan of Cahokia, Jack McGeehan of Florissant, Mo., Donald McGeehan of High Ridge, Mo., and Bob McGeehan and Barry McGeehan, both of St. Louis; one sister, Lucille Santibene of Caseyville; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan L. (Allred) McGeehan; his parents, Thomas F. and Pearl (Hoe) McGeehan Jr.; two brothers, Richard McGeehan and Gary McGeehan; one sister, Doris Warover; and one grandson.

### Services were Saturday at Kessler Colonial Chapel in Fairview Heights. Burial was in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Belleville.

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### Ida Dillman

Ida M. (Maples) Dillman, 79, of Edwardsville, died Thursday, May 20, 1993, at St. Anthony's Health Center in Alton. She was born Jan. 5, 1914, in Maples, Mo. She was a former member of First Baptist Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Alvin Dillman, whom she married June 18, 1930, in Edwardsville; one son, Frank Dillman of Edwardsville; one daughter, Evelyn Heuer of Bend, Ore.; one brother, Steve Maples of Los Angeles; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Minnie (Hambly) Maples; four brothers; and one grandson.

Private services are being held at Fletcher Funeral Home in Edwardsville. Burial will be in Valhalla Cemetery in Godfrey.

Memorials are requested for the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

### Ethel Gros

Ethel C. (Arneling) Gros, 69, of Collinsville, died Wednesday, May 19, 1993, at her residence. She was born Sept. 20, 1923, in East St. Louis.

She was a retired store manager for Spiegel Company. She was a member of Edgemont Bible Church, Ladies Auxiliary, Gold Star Mother of VFW Post 5691 in Collinsville, and Ladies Auxiliary 333 Machinists.

Survivors include one son, Douglas E. Gros of Indianapolis, Ind.; two sisters, Dorothy Clanney of Collinsville and Alma Muller of Bloomington, Ill.; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie E. Gros; two sons, Leslie R. Gros and Ronnie L. Gros; one daughter, Charlotte Sue Gros; her parents, William A. and Minnie F. (Ovelgoerner) Ameling; and one sister, Wilma Walz.

Memorials are requested for Edgemont Bible Church with the Rev. Doug White officiating. Burial was in Valhalla Cemetery in Godfrey. Arrangements were handled by Kurrus Funeral Home in Belleville.

Memorials are requested for Edgemont Bible Church A.W. and A.N.A. Club.

### Hobson Swindle

Hobson Swindle, 86, of Granite City, died at 10:27 a.m. Thursday, May 20, 1993, at his residence. He was born August 2, 1906, in Alabama and lived in Granite City for the past 41 years.

He was a custodian for Granite City Public District for 14 years prior to his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Swindle; two sisters, Stella Moore of Porterdale, Ala., and Willey Mae Cummins of Montgomery, Ala.; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one son, Billy Swindle; and his parents, John and Josie (Perguson) Swindle.

There were no services as per Mr. Swindle's request. His remains be donated to Washington University School of Medicine. Arrangements were handled by Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City.

### Minnie Finke

Minnie Louise (Callender) Finke, 86, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 9:45 p.m. Thursday, May 20, 1993, at Conlades Nursing Home in Granite City. She was born March 22, 1907, in New Port, Ark. and was a resident of Granite City since 1956.

She was a retired garment worker, a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and a member of St. John United Church of Christ.

Survivors include one brother, Will Callender of Hueber Springs, Ark.; and one sister, Ruth Cooper of Terrell, Ark.

She was preceded in death by her husband, August E. Finke, who died Oct. 16, 1989, and her parents.

Services were Saturday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Bob Miner officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for St. John United Church of Christ.

### Seats available

The Granite City Park District is now accepting applications for its trip to Hot Springs, Ark., June 11, 12, and 13.

Anyone interested should contact the park district office at 877-3029.

## Election

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Fifteen votes were cast by people who were not residents of the city.

One vote was cast by a person who wasn't a registered voter.

Two votes were cast by people who were paid to vote for Echols.

There were several incidents of voters influenced to vote for Echols, who offered them jobs in the city.

The suit also alleges that there was at least one instance of electioneering. The suit says that a voter arrived at the Venice City Hall to receive an absentee ballot and was given "a sheet of paper containing the ballot numbers of particular candidates for whom he was directed to vote."

The incident occurred within 100 feet of a room being used by absentee voters for the purpose of casting their ballots.

None of the voters involved in the allegations were named in the suit.

## Union

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Blackshire will replace Don Johnson, who will take over the state presidency from Rich Walsh on June 1. Walsh will become the director of the national AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education.

During her 16 years as a kindergarten teacher in Madison, Blackshire was an active union member and leader, serving as president of Madison Federation of Teachers Local 793, as well as an active member of the Democratic party organization.

She served as a member of Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University from 1973 to 1979 and was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention in 1976.

"Margaret has been outstanding at everything she's done," said Madison Mayor John Bellifio, Madison County Democratic chairman. "She has always fought hard for the rights of teachers in the state and fought hard for the Democratic Party."

Bellifio, who was president of the Madison School Board when Blackshire taught there, said she was a "wonderful teacher and a wonderful person. She is most deserving of an outstanding job."

In 1977, Blackshire was selected

as the best teacher in the state. She was also named one of the "100 Most Influential People in the State" by the Madisonian.

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"Now who's going to believe that malarky?" Echols asked. "Even in the wild and woolly days of yesteryear, I never heard of anyone buying votes down here. It hasn't ever happened."

Bowles, who saw the suit Friday, said this is the first such suit she remembers being filed in the county. She said she could not comment on the case because she wasn't personally familiar with the allegations put forward in the petition.

She said that if the cases of "vote buying" are proved in court, both the seller and buyer could face felony charges. But, Bowles said, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that voters cannot be forced to tell how they voted.

Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine said a number of allegations growing out of the Venice election are under criminal investigation. He said the Madison County Sheriff's Department is assisting in that investigation.

Haine would not comment on the criminal investigation nor the allegations being investigated. But Mark Von Nida, Haine's administrative assistant, said a criminal case would be easier to prove than a criminal case.

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Echols said he knew investigators had been around "asking people did I pay them to vote for me or did I promise them a job and garbages like that. And to tell the truth I'm a little angry about it."

The people who've told me, asked specifically about me — "Did any candidate offer to pay you to vote?" "Did Tyrone Echols pay you to vote?" There were at least 32 candidates running down here. Why did they ask about any of them? Why didn't they ask about my opponent?

Nichols said he had not seen the suit Friday and could not comment on its contents. But he said that he would recommend to the Venice City Council that the canvassing board be provided with a very good lawyer.

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## FAMILY

## Blair names honor students

Blair Elementary School in Madison has released the names of the students on the honor roll and the BUC ("bring up grades") roll for the third quarter of 1992-93.

Straight "A" honor roll students are: Frederick Williams, Chevala Davenport and Lakeisha Mosby.

Kindergarten honor roll students are: Kelvin Boyd, Crystal Clark, Jake Ford, Brandon Hall, Fiona Joiner, Tamara McCaskill, Stanley Price, Brandon Rucker, Andre Thomas, Mercedes Washington and Derrick Williams.

First grade honor roll students are: Walter Douglas, Antonio Johnson, Sean Romey, Trenton Turner, Scott Weathers, Kimberly Terrell, Sekora Wiggins, Quinton Edwards, Sophia Wagoner, Kitisha Bradley, Venson Perry, Skylar Moore, Vernetta Foughter, Monique Phillips and Steven

Moore.

Second grade honor roll students are: Egin Willis, Eulisa Williams, FaNesha Powell, Marcus Hankins, Keith Long, James Carter, William Cummings, Chauncey Dukes, Anthony Johnson, Bernard Long, Jr., Ternee Mosby, Rico Newsome, Shayla Pollard, Michael Watkins, Kimberly Wells and Michael Williams.

Third grade honor roll students are: Callie Clemons, Erica Jenkins, Atlantis Johnson, Kimberly McAfee, Paris Adams, Donta Belford, LaTasha Brown, Johnnie Coleman, Jonathan Fowler, Tameka Hall, Juanisha Jones, Yakira Maynard, Codi Watts and DonNesha Williams.

Bring Up Grades honor roll students are: Charmaine Douglas, Forrest Garrett and Fawn Garrett.

## Classes of 1945 to meet Wednesday

January and June students graduating from Granite City High School are meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, at Jerry's Cafeteria to discuss plans for a class reunion.

The invitation to attend is also being extended to classmates, who because of the war, did not complete their education.

For more information, call George Sotiroff at 876-3759, Margaret Rogers at 452-1655, or Margaret Kwiatkowski at 876-8328.

## Auditions planned for 'Annie'

Showtime Express Theatre Company will be holding auditions for the summer production of "Annie" on Tuesday at the Eagles Hall, 255 Madison Ave., in Granite City.

"Annie" is a musical based on the comic knock orphanage run Orphan Annie, who was deserted in a hard knock orphanage by the less-than-kindly Miss Hannigan. Annie dislikes the orphanage so much that she tries to escape to an easier life outside. Although her escape attempts are unsuccessful, Annie finally finds happiness by charming her way into the heart of billionaire Daddy Warbucks.

Those interested in production positions such as set design and construction, stage crew, tickets, etc. are also needed.

Auditions will be held May 25 at the Eagles upstairs hall at 7 p.m. for children and 8 p.m. for adults.

Call 876-6535 for more information.

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The musical trio Access

## Access trio to perform here

The musical trio Access will be performing at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the Harvest Assembly in Pontoon Beach.

The group is known for tight harmony, both in its music and the personal relationships of the members. Steve Bland and Rick Burchell began singing together in high school. Burchell married Steve's sister, Beth, and the three have been a close family ever since.

Although raised in Christian homes, the three said they were drawn away from God during their teens.

"Our mother died when I was 14 and Beth was 13," Steve Bland said. "That's when we got into a rebellious lifestyle."

But although the three had strayed, they began performing with "Heaven's Harmony," a gospel group started by Rick Burchell's family. They said the message of the music began to reach them as they performed.

One night in 1982 while Rick and Steve were getting high in a smoke-filled apartment, they said God's spirit reached through to them and they surrendered their lives to God. The same night, at her home across town, Beth was also surrendering her life to God.

"Music impacted our lives and it was through music we were all saved," Steve Bland said. "Christ has urgently called us to this ministry. This is what we have to do, which is great because we love it."

Harvest Assembly is located at 4397 Highway 162. For more information, call 931-4944.

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## •Mitchell

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Although the bout was not for the world title, Mitchell could one day earn such a fight. His next major test will be a 12-round title fight July 24 in Belleville against Dewayne Louis of Lawrence, Kan.

Mitchell, however, is still thinking about how he survived life in Russia. Accompanied by an armed guard and an interpreter part of the day, Mitchell and Boucher made their way through one of the most unfamiliar places in the world.

After flying from New York to Kiev—which happens to be located 100 miles from Chernobyl—Mitchell traveled on a sleeper train for 14 hours to the city of Dnepropetrovsk. With a population of over 1 million, the city was not small. But it was not the typical "big city."

Mitchell was given a gym to train in, and he had Boucher stay in a hotel. For 11 days, they struggled to communicate with others and lived primarily on cucumbers, tomatoes and bread.

"We just had to wing it," Mitchell said. "They were really nice to us, they just didn't have much to give us. If you went into a restaurant, you ate what was there. It was just however much you could eat. On the day I fought, I probably walked about eight miles looking for breakfast."

"I saw old women pushing wheelbarrows in the fields. As far as the stores went, they just sold whatever they had left. Most of the merchandise might have been stuff that was discontinued here 20 years ago."

Like Mitchell, Boucher has been to other countries. He is a former three-time kickboxing champion who has competed in Japan and Thailand.

"I've been all over the world, but I've never had an experience like that one," Boucher said. "It was extraordinary."

You hear stories, but you don't realize what it's like. We lived on cucumbers and hard bread."

Then the day of the fight came. Mitchell had been taunted by Yakunin's fans the whole week, but things changed around quickly midway through the fight.

With a spinning backkick, Mitchell knocked down Yakunin in the sixth round. The fight was over. Boucher said the fans flooded to meet Mitchell.

"He just dropped him, and after that it was history," Boucher said. "It didn't happen the way they thought it would. Ed made it quick. They were pretty shocked when he won."

We signed autographs for a good 45 minutes after the fight. "No one could believe it," Mitchell said. "A lot of people called back to Kiev wanting a rematch."

The outcome stood. After the fight, the promoters gave a party.

"We probably had more food at that party than we did the whole time we were there," Mitchell said.

Mitchell soon returned to the comforts of home, where he and Boucher started making plans for the next fight. Mitchell said he might return one day to fight Yakunin again.

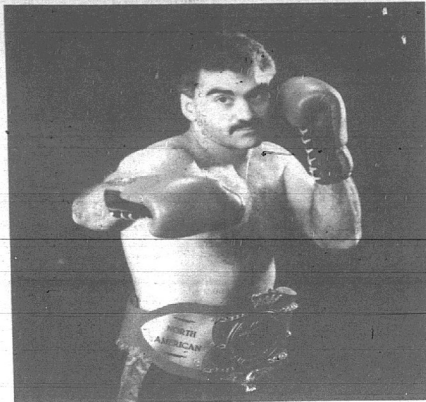
He anticipates a rematch some time in the future.

"It was a big relief to get home," Mitchell said. "I might go back over to Moscow, but I'm not sure."

"They're pretty big on (kickboxing) over there. I thought the guy was a pretty good kicker. It seemed like a typical fight, he was pretty tough. It probably won't be all I see of him."

Mitchell said Yakunin's style reminded him of his own. Mitchell all tries to stay away from the style employed by fighters he calls "brawlers."

He relies heavily on his quickness and kicking ability against



As well as being a kickboxing champion, Ed Mitchell has his own Tae Kwon Do martial arts school and is a Granite City firefighter and paramedic.

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—Jim Boucher  
Mitchell's manager

his opponents, not his fists.

"In more of a technical fighter," Mitchell said. "I do a lot of kicking. That's a very big part of it. I try my best to hit without getting hit."

"I fight a lot of brawlers. A brawler likes to punch a million times. Those are dangerous fighters, but you have to get in the right position. I do as much defense as offense."

Mitchell suffered a minor setback when he returned from his trip. Scheduled to take on Oliver Miller of Columbus, Miss., on May 7 in Collinsville, Mitchell instead fought Louis.

At the time, Louis weighed around 200 pounds and was in the heavyweight class. But Mitchell, who beat Louis in 1989, decided to fight anyway and lost.

His record now stands at 26-5. "I just went ahead and did it," Mitchell said. "I went the distance, but the guy wasn't in my weight class. He doesn't really hurt my ranking."

Mitchell will get another chance at Louis in July. Louis will be in Mitchell's weight class by that time.

Mitchell, the owner and head instructor of Mitchell's Tae Kwon Do in Granite City, has made a 12-year career out of kickboxing. He said as a young star, he wanted to become a boxer.

At 34, he has already fought in Japan, and his fights have been on ESPN and SportsChannel America.

Mitchell, who weighs 181 pounds, stays in shape year-round. "It takes a lot of hard work," Mitchell said. "You have to train all the time. Stamina and power are big factors. I'm always ready in case I get a fight scheduled and have to fight in a couple of days."

Mitchell's work pays off in another way. He is a member of

the Granite City Fire Department, where he serves as both a firefighter and paramedic.

It takes plenty of stamina to withstand 24-hour shifts, which is what Mitchell's schedule consists of. "See accompanying story." But he seems to be even more proud of how he has been able to pass on his knowledge of martial arts to his students.

Mitchell teaches kickboxing and Tae Kwon Do three nights a week at his school. He has a class for both adults and children age 6-and-over.

"I like to teach," Mitchell said. "I have a lot of good students. I like to see kids go out and do well."

Mitchell's students enter competitions. One of his students, Dave Paz, recently scored a first-round knockout.

"He's an amateur now, but he might go pro," Mitchell said.

For now, Mitchell will concentrate on his fight in July. This time, he and Boucher will not even have to leave the state. The fight will be held at the Belle Fairgrounds.

"Our next approach is Louis," Boucher said. "We're looking forward to it."

## •Fighters

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"This is the first time we've had a national champion in anything," Nesbit said. "A lot of the guys go to his fights. When he's on television, we watch him."

"He's just a regular guy. He doesn't flash it. You wouldn't know he's a kickboxing champion if he didn't say anything."

When Mitchell is in the ring, his talents usually speak for themselves. The other firefighters have served as paramedics at some of his fights.

"You kind of cringe when you see some of those kicks he gives," Gaines said. "One time he was in a fight against some kid, and you could just hear him slap the side of his body, the same part every time. Everybody just kind of winced."

Ironically, Mitchell goes by the nickname "Smiling" Ed. Mitchell, Jim Boucher, his manager, said Mitchell earned the nickname because of his personality. "He's always got a smile on his face," Boucher said. "Plus,

he wears a double mouthpiece, so it looks like he's smiling in the ring."

Mitchell's conditioning level makes him a durable firefighter. "His endurance is unbelievable," Gaines said. "He'll outlast anyone."

"He's a good guy to have around," LeMaster said. "We can pretty well depend on him not to wear out too quick."

Boucher said the reason is simple. "The man's strong. He could go 50 rounds, no problem," Boucher said.

Mitchell's match in Russia went six rounds before he won by technical knockout against his opponent, Andrei Yakunin. Yakunin was ranked as the top kickboxer in Asia and Europe.

The fight was the only normal part of Mitchell's trip. Mitchell spent most of his time looking for something to eat.

"It was interesting hearing about how good we do have it here," Nesbit said.

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The Granite City Park District will sponsor its second trip for senior citizens to Busch Stadium on June 16 for a 12:30 p.m. game against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

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## SPORTS

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## Warriors

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After leadoff hitter Jason Maxfield tripled to begin the game, Les Nunes drove him in with a home run over the left-field fence.

After Brian Kohler's flyout, Bob Wilson kept the rally going with a single and Mark Winfield followed with a run-scoring double. Jeff Ridenour flew out, and Marc Patton then doubled to drive in Winfield and make it 4-0.

The Warriors continued their recent pattern of scoring runs in bunches. Nunes' homer was his first of the year, and it was the fourth in the past five games for Granite City.

"He hit it hard and got it up there," Stegemeier said. "I was pleased with our offense. We swung the bats and came to play."

"We've been popping the ball. It adds a new dimension to the game."

After failing to score in the first, Alton managed to push across a run in the second inning. With two outs, Jon Steinmann doubled in Corey Ozark, who had singled to open the inning.

But Granite City came back with three more runs in the top of the third. Wilson and Winfield hit two straight singles, with Wilson moving to third base on a hit-and-run. Patton singled in Wilson, and Chad Dooley hit a two-run single to center field to make it 7-1.

The Warriors chased King in the fifth inning when a bases-loaded walk to Nunes brought in Patton to make it 8-1. Josh Livers relieved King, who had issued three straight walks.

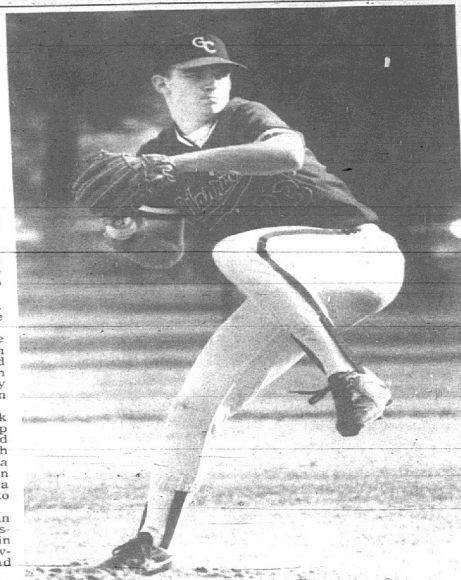
Granite City scored its final run in the sixth inning, when Ridenour drove in Winfield with a sacrifice fly. Winfield, who opened the inning with a triple, finished the day 3-for-4 with three runs scored.

Meanwhile, Rieser cruised through Alton's lineup. The Redbirds scored their last two runs in the seventh, one of which was unearned.

"They didn't hit many balls hard off him," Stegemeier said. "They had a couple of well-hit doubles, but that was about it."

With the win, the Warriors improved to 19-6 overall and 6-3 in conference play. Their final conference game will be Monday at East St. Louis.

With three conference losses,



Ben Hicks improved to 6-1 after earning a win in relief over Collinsville this week.

The Warriors were all but out of the race for the conference title. But contest to Belleville West lost to Belleville East on Thursday for the second time this season, raising the possibility that the Warriors could still be in contention considering their two SWC wins over East.

But at this point, the Warriors are more concerned with the postseason. Regional play begins this week, and Granite City has earned the top seed in the Edwardsville Class AA Regional. The Warriors will play at 1 p.m.

(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKEHURD)

next Saturday against the winner of a first-round game between Civic Memorial and Jerseyville. The Warriors, who were scheduled to play Carbondale in a home doubleheader Saturday, have won 11 of their past 12 games.

The key has been the pitching. Rieser, Hicks, Ridenour and Corey Dickerson have given the team four dependable starters. "That's four pretty good pitchers we have right now," Stegemeier said. "It seems to be going pretty well."

## Golf

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2. Craig Liddle, \$410.	72
3. Mike Tucker, \$325.	73
4. Ed McNamara, \$250.	74
5. (tie) Ed Schwent, \$213.	75
6. (tie) Mike Murphy, \$213.	75
7. Sam Gilliland, \$175.	76
8. Rob Sedorock, \$150.	77
9. (tie) Lee VanDover, \$61.	78
10. (tie) David Pearson, \$61.	78
11. (tie) Ding Vance, \$61.	78

9. (tie) Joe Mottor, \$61.	78	23. (tie) Dale Boggs.	81
9. (tie) Dan Burlington, \$61.	78	28. (tie) Mark Lewis.	82
9. (tie) Joe Schwent, \$61.	78	30. (tie) Todd Cross.	82
16. (tie) Ed Dube.	79	31. Brad Huettt.	84
16. (tie) Ron Akin.	79	32. Mike Smith.	86
16. (tie) Jim Kray.	79	33. Jeff Todt.	90
16. (tie) Greg Pohl.	79	34. Pete Donovan.	91
20. (tie) Brad Keating.	80	35. Mike Spaulding.	94
20. (tie) Jim Kray.	80	36. Chris Noobe.	92
20. (tie) Steve Lutz.	81		
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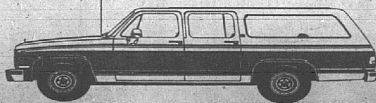
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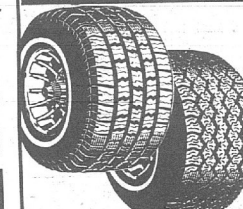
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## •Lady Warriors

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But the Lady Warriors owned the field throughout the contest, particularly in the first half. Kami Kessel opened the scoring at 3:49 with a blast from the right side into the left corner of the net.

Granite City scored its next three goals in a period of less than five minutes. At 11:40, Michelle Knox took a pass from Holly Farnsworth in the slot and came in alone on Alton's goal-keeper to score. At 12:23, Evans turned a cross pass from Knox into a goal and a 3-0 lead for Granite City.

Then, at the 16:09 mark, Staci Dowdy made it 4-0 with a goal assisted by Farnsworth's header pass.

Granite City's final two goals of the half were scored by Julie Gocian at 27:14 and Penny Krehler at 27:38.

"We had good balance," Baker

said. The Lady Warriors added two goals to begin the second half. Farnsworth scored at the 43:15 mark, and Suzanne Stuart found the net at 46:25 to make it 8-0.

The Lady Warriors will now take a few days of rest before their next game, which will be 7 p.m. Tuesday at home against Cahokia or Metro East Lutheran.

The Lady Warriors will begin the postseason as the top-seeded team in the Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin Sectional. If the Lady Warriors win Tuesday, they will play the winner of a game between Rochester and O'Fallon on Thursday. But the game will not be at home.

Because of graduation ceremonies the next day, the Lady Warriors' field will not be available. Instead they will play at Burnside Field in Wood River beginning at 7 p.m.

Baker hopes to see his team keep up the intensity as the postseason unfolds.

"We want to be hungry throughout our games," Baker said. "Right now, we're playing very composed. We're proud of the way the girls have played."

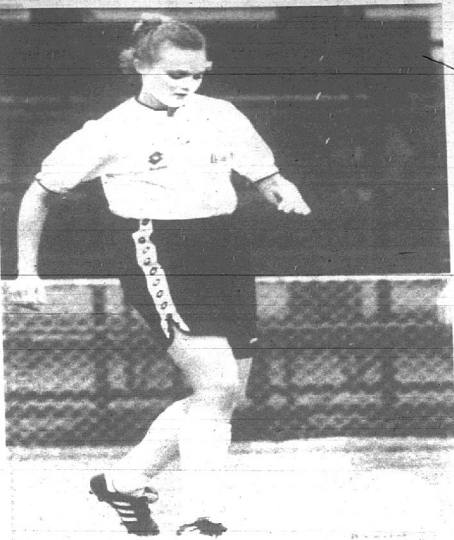
The sectional semifinals will

be held next Saturday in Springfield. The other top-four seeded teams in the 22-team field are No. 2 Springfield High, No. 3 Quincy Notre Dame and No. 4 Collinsville.

The Lady Warriors will be going after their first state tournament appearance since 1991, when they placed fourth in the state. The sectional championship game will be held June 1.

Baker said the team will not look past any of its opponents. Last year, the Lady Warriors were eliminated by Collinsville in the sectional championship game.

"We'll take it one at a time," Baker said. "I'd love to see them get a chance to go to state again. We'll find out soon."



Kessel

Suzanne Stuart scored the Lady Warriors' eighth goal in Friday's 9-0 win over Alton. Stuart and the Lady Warriors will enter sectional play Tuesday.

## Girls soccer

Team Leaders			
Offense		Goals	GAA
Team (Record)			
Granite City (12-3-1)		34	3.40
O'Fallon (8-5-1)		33	2.36
Collinsville (5-3-1)		12	1.71
Alton (5-7-0)		19	1.58
Metro East Lutheran (4-8-2)		21	1.50
Cahokia (0-7-1)		2	0.25
Defense		Goals	GAA
Team (Record)			
Granite City (12-3-1)		6	0.60
O'Fallon (8-5-1)		11	1.07
Collinsville (5-3-1)		23	1.92
Cahokia (0-7-1)		29	2.50
Metro East Lutheran (4-8-2)		36	2.57
Shutouts			
Team			
Granite City		5	
Alton		5	
Metro East Lutheran		4	
O'Fallon		4	
Cahokia		1	
Alton		1	
Collinsville		1	
Individual Leaders			
Goals Scored		Goals	
Player, Team			
Jules Greer, O'Fallon		10	
Sally Gaud, Metro East Lutheran		6	
Jenny Hasehorst, O'Fallon		5	
Alli Hengeman, Alton		5	
Kristen Myers, Alton		4	
Shutouts Participated In		SPI	
Goalkeeper, Team			
Stephanie Kutz, Granite City		7	
Carrie Kalzer, Alton		6	
Rebecca Walt, O'Fallon		4	
Kara Kosten, Metro East Lutheran		2	
Kari Olson, O'Fallon		2	
Carrie Massey, Alton		2	

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## Briefly

### Class of '63 to reunite

The Granite City Senior High School's graduating classes from January 1963 and June 1963 are holding a class reunion on Aug. 7 at the Elk's Club in Granite City.

If you have not received an invitation, the committee sponsoring the reunion is seeking your help.

The ask that you please call Sandra (Boring) Kozyak at 618-797-1772 or Deane (Hillen) Thomas 618-656-5149.

### Goclan receives scholarship

Julie Goclan of Granite City has been awarded a Dean's Science Scholarship by DePaul University in Chicago.

Goclan, a senior at Granite City High School, received the scholarship after being interviewed by science department faculty.

She was selected based on her ability to participate in a rigorous science program and her participation in science-related activities and organizations.

Candidates for the scholarship were selected based on grades, curriculum, test scores and leadership qualities.

### Grigsby wins Knowledge Open

The Grigsby Knowledge Master Team defeated the Coolidge Team in this spring's Knowledge Masters Open.

The Knowledge Master Open was designed to stimulate interest and recognition for academic accomplishment. The contest is run on classroom computers and the results are tabulated into national rankings. Grigsby's score of 1512 was 304th out of 1604 schools competing in the National Middle School Division.

This is in the top 20 percent.

Students participating on the Knowledge Master Team were: Brenda Fritsche, Valerie Henson, Chad Kleindorfer, Brandon Martinez, David Moore, Sarah Seabens, Charles Stepanik, Amanda Supp, and Vince Willaredt.

### Shrenk on dean's list

Roger A. Schrenk of Granite City was named to the Rosary College dean's list for the 1992 fall semester.

Schrenk, a junior, is a graduate of Marquette High School.

Rosary College, located in River Forest, Ill., is a Catholic, liberal arts institution for men and women founded in 1901 by the Sinsinawa Dominicans.

More than 1,700 students are enrolled in the undergraduate program and in the graduate schools of Library and Information Science, Business, and Education.

### Spurlock takes part in spring gala

Beth Spurlock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spurlock of Granite City, took part in the 20th annual Spring Sing gala April 8-10 at Harding University, Searay, Ark.

Spurlock, a sophomore majoring in nursing, was part of a production number entitled "In a League of Our Own." The students performed as baseball players.

Spring Sing was started in 1974 by students as an entertainment for campus guests.

The shows are judged for originality, costume, choreography and music, and cash awards and plaques are presented following the Saturday night show.

800 students were involved in the gala.



Manicurist Kim Kraius works on the nails of Joyce Littlejohn.



Brenda Zampaglione discusses personal appearance with Tiffany Kass, left, and Tammy Kite.



A "Luau" lunch was served to parents, from left, Joyce Littlejohn, Shelia Pilger, Tammy Kite and Janet Leith.

### Head Start Mothers get a treat

Granite City Head Start Mothers were treated to an all-day event designed just for the ladies March 26.

Barbie Kratche and Kim Kraius from Cloud Nine Hair Design in Granite City contributed a complimentary manicure for every one and also provided information for day to day nail care.

Brenda Zampaglione from Calcutta Hair Design in Collinsville contributed a presentation, "Enhance Your Appearance". Topics were: body shape, facial shape, color, make-up, and accessorizing your face and outfits.

A "Luau" lunch was prepared by Coral Lips, a social worker at Head Start. After lunch, the guest speaker, Cynthia Henson from Sanford Brown Business College in Granite City, discussed education and career opportunities. The afternoon session consisted of playing games for prizes, cosmetics donated by Brenda Zampaglione and floral arrangements donated by Keith Graham.

### 1993 Madison County Queen Pageant

We are now accepting applications for the 1993 Madison County Queen Pageant. If you are a resident of Madison County between the ages of 16 & 21 years of age, unmarried and have no children, you can have the opportunity to become this year's Madison County Queen. \*Prizes and scholarships will be awarded. Hurry and apply now by calling Wendy Hartlieb 654-5089.

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## FAMILY

## Briefly

## Ricketts 2nd in baby pageant

Schae Elizabeth Ricketts, daughter of Lisa D. Ricketts Jr., placed second runner up in beauty at the Most Beautiful Baby Pageant hosted by New Star Discovery.

The event was held at the Collinsville Holiday Inn on Sunday, April 25. Her prize included a trophy and entry fees paid to the state finals in Chicago June 4-6. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Ricketts Sr., of Inverness, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Danny Millsap of Granite City and Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell of Collinsville.



Ricketts

## Nash wins top honors

Brittini Nicole Nash, daughter of Chris and Nikki Nash of Granite City, competed in the All-Star Kids Pageant recently. The pageant, which originates from Dallas, was held Saturday, April 17, at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville.

Brittini won the top honors from the 24-35 month age group. She was crowned All Star Babe. With the title, she won the opportunity to advance to the All Star Kids National Pageant, to be held July 2 to 4 in Dallas.

She is the granddaughter of Gene and Phyllis Smith and Sherry Nash of Granite City and Warren Nash of Houston.



Nash

## Green crowned Toddler Queen

Brandy Michelle Green was crowned Illinois State Toddler Miss Queen in St. Charles April 18 at the Universal Southern Charm Pageant.

Brandy won the 24 to 36 month group and won photogenic, portfolio, pro-am events, best sportswear, best dressed, most adorable, most beautiful and second alternate in Southern Belle.

She is the daughter of Kenny Green of South Roxana, and the granddaughter of Charles and Lucille Carlisle of Bunker Hill and Kenneth and Betty Green of Missouri.



Green

## Stapleton is supreme queen

Shannon Stapleton was crowned the Overall Grand Supreme Queen at the Illinois-Iowa Universal Southern Charm State Pageant April 16-18 in St. Charles, Ill.

Shannon competed in the 7-9 age group in the categories of beauty, pro-am modeling, photogenic, portfolio and talent.

Shannon earned top points in age group for talent for her ballet performance to a piece from the "Nutcracker" and she played "The Great Smoky Mountains" on the piano.

Shannon also won the optional categories, "best model," "best sportswear," and "best dressed." She was named photogenic queen and pro-am queen of her age division.

Shannon will compete in the international pageant in Nashville, Tenn., in July. She is the daughter of Marv and Lisa Stapleton of Granite City and granddaughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Bob Jones of Granite City and Mr. and Mrs. George Stapleton of Marion.



Stapleton

## Katie Osborn in Heart of Midwest

Katie Marie Osborn, daughter of Monty and Lori Osborn of Granite City, competed in the Miss Heart of the Midwest pageant, held Feb. 21 at Granite City Township Hall.

She won the title of Tiny Miss Heart of the Midwest. Katie also competed in the Universal Southern Charm Pageant held March 6 at Collinsville Holiday Inn. She won titles of Universal Southern Charm Queen, photogenic, sportswear, most beautiful and most adorable for the 12- to 23-month age division.

She qualified for the Universal Charm Illinois Iowa State Pageant in St. Charles, Ill. She is the granddaughter of Herman and Pat Schubert and Tom and Donna Cox of Granite City.



Osborn

## Taylor Foster in Dream Pageant

Taylor Michelle Foster, 16 months, participated in the America's Dream Angel Pageant March 21 in Collinsville.

She completed in the under two years age division. Taylor took first place in portfolio, first runner up in modeling to music, second runner up in beauty and won most beautiful eyes.

Taylor is the daughter of David and Tina Foster of Granite City.



Foster

## Kira Long wins in baby category

Kira Long won top honors in the 6- to 12-month age group in the Miss Heart of the Midwest Pageant held in February at Granite City Township Hall.

Kira received a crown, banner, trophy, and gift for being named "Darling Baby." Kira also received a trophy for first runner-up in photogenic.

Kira is the daughter of Tim and Kathy Long. Kira has one sister Kati Long and her grandparents are LaVerne Plebanek, Richard and Linda Hunt and Richard and Brenda Long.



Long



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## Martin places 1st in competition

Kristina Marie Martin, 6 months, daughter of Richard and Mary Martin of Granite City and granddaughter of Ballard and Julia Johnson of Granite City, entered the "Little Miss Springtime Beauty Pageant" held in Troy April 4.

In the 0-6 month category she placed first in the Miss Photogenic and second runner-up overall.



Martin

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